

On that day Maubreuil, a man who has become unfortunately celebrated, presented himself at the Post-office, and asked to speak with me. He showed me some written orders, signed by General Saukewi, the Commander of the Russian troops in Paris, and by Baron Kroekenhausen, chief of the staff. These orders set forth that Maubreuil was intrusted with an important mission, for the execution of which he was authorized to demand the assistance of the Russian troops ; and the commanders of those men were enjoined to place at his disposal as many troops as he might apply for. Maubreuil was also the bearer of similar orders from General Dupont, the War Minister, and from M. Angles, the Provisional Commissary-General of the Police, who directed all the other commissaries to obey the orders they might receive from Maubreuil. On seeing these documents, of the authenticity of which then\* was no doubt, I immediately ordered the different postmasters to provide Maubreuil promptly with any number of horses he might require.

Borne days after I was informed that the object of ftluu-breuiPs mission wJH to assassinate Napoleon. It may readily be imagined what wan my astonishment on hearing this, after I had seen the signature of the Commander <»f tht? Kussi.m forces, and knowing as I did the intentions of the Kniperor Alexander. The fact is, I did not, ami never can, believe that " \*ieh was the intention of Maubreuil. This man has been accused of having carried oil the jewels of th« Queen of Westphalia, i

Napoleon having ccmHnntrul to proceed to the island (if Elba, conformably with the treaty h« *Inui* ratified on the, KJth,

<sup>1</sup> Maubreuil always protested that he had bcoti <\*mph>y<\*d by Talleyrand and the ProviHional Y<vermti<\*ut to mmatIHlnnt^ NapoUuni. It w t; <rtuln that h< seized on tin\* cash HIM! j<w<jlh\*ry of Itw .i4|tn\*>>tjir WmtmphaHa\* On\* wif< of Jvromo Bonaparte, but h<i did not mjiiru Cor that |Hirp<>w rtrtrt Mim/i<\* for demands of troops and for iKittUhoruntit r a Miiititl\* <trd<<r U> that |pr>|>|r utt-thorid\* wclmd hav<| switfciw, without n highway rob|H\*ry. This imilar is gone into by \*V<|virrll, toin<v|j. pp. 214 — 21W, whoro (pp. %ltiEW) (\*>> giv<=>it tint orders Hig<<\*d by BourUumm\* ljemi onloni arc 80 widi and dtntotit| aurh an important miwion for Maubreuil, that it |n Ntgnirant that liourrh niis w|H informed as h< teZIn ij> In all that wif< dum\* Khouid rn'llln'r hav<=< knowti nor inquir<=>d what was th< object f<=>r which h< wtw using h|> n<w powom. Hew alho Bwmwt, vol. ii. p. 125, all pinto towards ilwm havimf iwfiti a foul plot. Most persona will adopt Si<nt4s-I|<uv<% bulteL \* M\* do Talinyrand